

Prevention Strategy Workgroup for
RI Strategic Plan on Addiction and Overdose Meeting Minutes (Draft)
November 23, 2015
11:00am – 12:00pm – BH 226

Dr. James McDonald called the meeting to order at 11:00am. Copies of the agenda, Prevention Strategy workbook and Current Census numbers for ARI, CODAC, CTR, Discovery House and The Journey to Hope, Health and Healing were distributed.

Purpose: Create implementation plan for Prevention strategy.

Introductions: Dr. James McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer opened the meeting at 11:06 and asked to go around the room for introductions.

In Attendance: Dr. James McDonald, DOH; Elizabeth Kretchman, Associate Administrator, and Prevention Coordinator, BHDDH; Nancy DeNuccio, Coalition Coordinator and representative for the coalitions; Dr. Kathryn Banner; Margaret Gradie, DOH; Leigh Reposa; RISAS; Mary-Ellen Jenkins, RN; Traci Green, RI Hospital (co-author of the RI Strategic Plan); Susan StAmand, BHDDH, notetaker.

Leadership Charge: What policy and funding changes are needed to implement this plan?

Specific Focus on Plan: Primary Prevention Strategies regarding reducing opioid/benzodiazepine prescribing and strategies to reduce stigma.

Target Audience: Professionals.

Are there legislative changes needed for the PDMP?

Consensus was that connecting the PDMP to electronic health records was a good idea, provided RI DOH created regulations to ensure privacy. It was suggested that an amendment to Title 21-28 Article 21-28-3.01 Section 21-28-3.01 <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/title21/21-28/21-28-3.32.HTM> . If there is a legislative change, is there a budget impact? No....would be helpful.

Elizabeth reviewed the Benzo/Methadone Treatment handout. She stated that each agency listed have different policies. What is the cost of developing guidelines?

Key Take-aways: Dr. McDonald summarized the key take-aways from the meeting.

- *Consensus to connect PMP to protect privacy*
- *Regulate PMP*
- *Start with Treatment*
- *Develop a system of State Guidelines*

Prevention Strategy Workgroup... Meeting Schedule:

- November 30th 11am – 12:00pm – Barry Hall – Room 226
- December 7th 11am – 12:00pm – Barry Hall – Room 226

Respectfully submitted,
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